

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/03/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/30/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 07/18/2005
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*William F. Bashore*  
**WILLIAM BASHORE**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
7/18/2005

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph Mehrle, Attorney for Applicant(s) on 07/18/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Title: ~~METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RENDERING AN ELECTRONIC PAGE~~ METHODS FOR RENDERING FOOTNOTES

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Claims 1-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

In interpreting the claims in light of the specification and applicant's arguments, and the amendment filed 06/03/2005. Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

The prior art of record, Chirokas et al. US Patent No. 5,111,397 filed 12/11/1989, Cuan et al. US Patent No. 4,503,515 filed 05/17/1982 and Ferrel et al. US Patent No. 5,860,073 filed 07/17/1995, disclosed a method and system for assemble all body and footnote texts into respective pages, wherein the Footnote pause or stop one step of processing and to go back to a

previous step, such as reverse from the order of last good line into first of new text, which set forth in the previous final rejection mailed on 08/12/2004.

The prior art of record, Chirokas, Cuan and Ferrel fail to anticipate or render Applicant's particular computer-implemented system and associated method for inverting the non footnote body data to second location when the footnote body data are inserted into the media, wherein the footnote body data temporarily occupies portions of the first location, and wherein the first location represents a top portion of the media and the second location represents a bottom portion of the media; and restoring the non footnote body data into the first location with the footnote body data occupying the second location.

In addition the Examiner interprets the claimed "inverting", as a type of flipping, which is supported by specification drawing in Fig. 4b, item 390 and Fig. 4c, item 410, and in Applicants' specification page 11, lines 1-10.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4103. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 11AM to 7PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Herndon R. Heather can be reached on (571) -272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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